

**SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON
March 7, 2008
10 a.m., Arizona Time**

The External Affairs Committee (EAC) of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) met in regular session in the 14th Floor Conference Room of the ASRS Office, 3300 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85012. Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting was teleconferenced to the ASRS Tucson office at 7660 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 108, Tucson, Arizona, 85710.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks

Present: Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chair (teleconferenced)
 Dr. Keith Meredith, Member (teleconferenced)
 Mr. Jim McLaughlin, Member
 Mr. Steven Zeman, Vice-Chair

A quorum of the Committee was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2008 EAC Meeting

Mr. Gutierrez asked if there were any corrections or comments on the minutes of the February 1, 2008 EAC meeting. Mr. Gutierrez requested a spelling correction be made to the word "sine die" on page 2. Mr. Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion: Mr. Steve Zeman moved that the External Affairs Committee approve the minutes as amended of the February 1, 2008 EAC meeting.

Mr. Jim McLaughlin seconded the motion.

By a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions the motion was approved as amended.

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding 2008 Legislative Issues

Ms. Lesli Sorensen, Government Relations Officer, presented and discussed the status of legislation for the 2008 Legislative Session. Legislation included:

ASRS Initiated Bills

- 1) **HB 2054** ASRS; transfers; first read 1/16, second read 1/17, PIR HELD 1/28; PIR 3/3; next stop: House Rules
- 2) **HB 2060** ASRS; required distributions; citation correction; first read 1/16, second read 1/17, PIR 1/28, C&P Hse Rules 2/5, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/5, Consent 2/5, third read 2/11, Sen first read 2/12, second read 2/26; next stop: FIIR 3/10
- 3) **HB 2061** ASRS; global security risk report; first read 1/16, second read 1/17, PIR DP 2/4, Hse Rules C&P 2/19, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/19, Consent 2/19, third read 2/26, Sen first read 2/27, second read 3/3; next stop: FIIR

- 4) **HB 2062** ASRS; benefits; normal retirement; first read 1/22, second read 1/23, PIR HELD 2/11, PIR DPA 2/18, APPROP HELD 3/5; next stop: APPROP
- 5) **HB 2127** ASRS; LTD; unclaimed monies; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR DPA 2/4, Approp DP 2/13, Rules C&P 2/28, Maj & Min Caucus Y 3/3; next stop: COW
- 6) **SB 1225** ASRS; federal conforming changes; first read 1/28, second read 1/29, FIIR DP 2/4, Sen Rules PFC 2/11, Consent, stricken by Johnson 2/11, COW HELD 2/14, COW DP 2/21, third read 2/25; next stop: Hse first read
- 7) **SB 1273** ASRS; payroll deduction agreements; transfers; first read 1/30, second read 1/31; next stop: FIIR, DEAD

Other Bills Related to ASRS

- 8) **HB 2029** CORP; Arizona state hospital employees; first read 1/22, second read 1/23, PIR DPA 2/4; next stop: APPROP
- 9) **HB 2043** NOW; FY 2007-2008 state hiring; moratorium; first read 1/14, second read 1/15, ENV W/D 2/12, Approp DPA/SE 2/13, Hse rules C&P 2/19, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/19, COW DPA 2/20, third read 2/20, Sen first read 2/20, second read 2/21, APPROP DPA 3/4, Rules PFC 3/5, COW DPA 3/6; next stop: third read 3/6
- 10) **HB2053** PSPRS; medical personnel; service definition; first read 1/16, second read 1/17, PIR DPA 1/28, Rules C&P 2/26, Maj Caucus HELD 2/26, Min Caucus Y 2/26, Maj Caucus HELD; next stop: Maj Caucus
- 11) **HB 2056** PSPRS; global security risk; first read 1/16, second read 1/17, PIR DPA 2/4, Rules C&P 2/26, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/26, COW DP 2/28, third read 3/3, Sen first read 3/4; next stop: second read
- 12) **HB 2058** PSPRS; Local boards; procedures; 1/16 first read, second read 1/17, PIR DPA 2/4, Rules C&P 2/26, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/26, COW DP 2/28, third read 3/3, Sen first read 3/4; next stop: second read
- 13) **HB 2059** PSPRS; health insurance subsidy; employer; first read 1/22, second read 1/23, PIR DP 2/11, Rules C&P 3/4, Maj & Min Caucus Y 3/4, Consent 3/4; next stop: third read
- 14) **HB 2116** CORP; joinders; credited service; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR HELD 2/4, PIR DPA 2/18; next stop: Rules
- 15) **HB 2117** CORP; ordinary disability; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR DP 2/11, Referred to PIR 2/28, PIR DPA/SE 3/3; next stop: Rules
- 16) **HB 2118** CORP; judiciary; other designated position; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR DP 2/4, Rules C&P 2/26, Consent 2/26; next stop: third read
- 17) **HB 2119** CORP; tribal dispatchers; detention officers; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR DP 2/11, Rules C&P 3/4, Maj & Min Caucus Y 3/4, Consent 3/4, stricken by McClure; next stop: COW
- 18) **HB 2120** CORP; DPS detention officers; first read 1/23, second read 1/24, PIR DPA 2/11, Rules C&P 3/4, Maj & Min Caucus Y 3/4; next stop: COW
- 19) **HB 2395** PSPRS; investments; management; first read 1/17, second read 1/22, PIR DP 1/28, Rules C&P 2/5, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/5, Consent 2/5, third read 2/11, Sen first read 2/12, second read 2/26; next stop: FIIR 3/10
- 20) **HB 2705** Sudan; investments; business operations; prohibition (also see SB 1366); first read 2/5, second read 2/6, PIR DPA 2/11, Rules C&PA 2/19, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/19, COW DPA 2/21, third read 2/27, substitute for SB 1366 on third read 3/5; transmit to Governor
- 21) **HB 2710** technical correction; defined contribution plan; first read 2/4, second read 2/5; next stop: Rules
- 22) **HCR 2743** registered domestic partnerships; first read 2/21, second read 2/25; next stop: JUD
- 23) **SB 1040** ASRS; eligibility; substitute teachers; first read 1/14, second read 1/15; next stop: FIIR, DEAD
- 24) **SB 1217** CORP; ordinary disability; first read 1/28, second read 1/29; next stop: FIIR, DEAD, but see HB2117
- 25) **SB 1290** ASRS; benefits; normal retirement; refunds; first read 1/30, second read 1/31, FIIR DP 2/11; next stop: Rules 3/10

- 26) **SB 1366** Sudan; investments; business operations; prohibition (also see HB 2705); first read 2/4, second read 2/5, CED DPA 2/13, Rules PFC 2/18, Maj & Min Caucus Y 2/19, COW DPA 2/28, Substituted on third read for HB2705
- 27) **SB 1368** state retirement systems; domestic partners; first read 2/4, second read 2/5; next stop: FIIR, DEAD
- 28) **SB 1371** registered domestic partnerships; first read 2/4, second read 2/5; next stop: PSHS, DEAD
- 29) **SB 1411** Iran; investments; prohibition; first read 2/5, second read 2/7; next stop: FIIR, DEAD
- 30) **SB 1444** public retirement systems; intersystem transfer; first read, 2/5, second read 2/7; next stop: FIIR, DEAD
- 31) **SB 1489** S/E: global security risks; investments; prohibition; first read 2/5, second read 2/11, FIIR W/D 2/16, Approps DPA/SE; next stop: Rules
- 32) **SB 1499** state employee health benefits; dependents; first read 2/5, second read 2/12, FIIR DP 2/25, Rules PFC 3/3, Consent 3/3, Maj & Min Caucus Y 3/4; next stop: third read 3/6
- 33) **SCR 1009** public agency lobbyists; first read 1/17, second read 1/24, GOV HELD; DEAD

4. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action with respect to the ASRS Communications Program Plan

Mr. David Cannella, Communications Manager, presented the ASRS Communications Program Plan. Mr. Steve Zeman suggested LTD members and Inactive members be added to the Target Audiences of the communications plan specifically the ASRS website. Mr. Cannella agreed.

5. Future EAC Agenda Items

- 1) The next EAC meeting will be held April 4, 2008.
- 2) Continued discussion of the ASRS bills and other related bills.

6. Call to the Public.....Mr. Jaime Gutierrez

There were no comments from the public.

7. Adjournment of the ASRS External Affairs Committee

Mr. Gutierrez moved that the March 7, 2008 External Affairs Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Angela Sockwell
Committee Secretary

Date

Patrick M. Klein
Assistant Director, External Affairs

Date